The following was distributed to the KYAE listserv.



NEW! April is Kentucky Adult College Readiness Month



Great news! Governor Matt Bevin just signed a proclamation designating April 2016 as "Adult College Readiness Month" in Kentucky.

This proclamation corresponds with the official April 1 launch of a partnership between Kentucky Adult Education and Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). This partnership has been developed to encourage and assist past and current adult education students in transitioning to postsecondary education, as well as to encourage other adults to transition or return to postsecondary education (perhaps brushing up on skills, as necessary, via adult education).

KHEAA will be hosting a webinar for KYAE providers called "KHEAA At Your Service" on April 12-13, which will allow you to find out how Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority can help you help your adult education students as they transition to postsecondary education. You will receive more information on this webinar soon.

KYAE has posted materials <u>here</u> that will help you promote the celebration of Adult College Readiness Month in your program and community. Because it is so close to the launch date, you may choose to focus on hosting an "Adult College Readiness Week" in your county. The templates provided for local proclamations and press releases accommodate this option.

Some potential related activities include:

- KHEAA workshops (available throughout year click here to see map for your local contact)
- KHEAA College Info Road Show stop (available throughout year)
- Visits to or speakers from local colleges/training programs
- Visits to or speakers from local business/industry who provide better job opportunities for those with higher levels of education (including certifications)
- Hosting of career path exploration day

The partnership between KYAE and KHEAA will extend past the month of April, just as your college readiness efforts will. KHEAA will be hosting webinars for your students throughout the coming months; more information will be forthcoming.

We hope you take this opportunity to raise extra awareness among your students and members of your community about the benefits of postsecondary education – as well as how your program (in conjunction with KHEAA) can help them successfully transition (or return) to college or technical training.

Please let Missy Brownson know if you have any questions or if there is anything with which she may provide assistance by contacting her at (502) 573-5114, ext. 123 or Missy.Brownson@ky.gov.